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SUBJECT: GERMAN POLICE ADVISORY PROGRAM

REF: A. STATE 174007; B. BONN 13442

1. ECON/COM MINISTER, DURING CALL ON STATE SECRETARY KOLLATZ IN MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION (MEC), URGED THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC TO CONTINUE ITS POLICE ADVISORY PROGRAM IN AFGHANISTAN, CITING BOTH THE VALUABLE ROLE PERFORMED BY THE PROGRAM IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD AND WESTERN CONCERNS OVER REPLACEMENT OF THE GERMAN TEAM BY A CZECH GROUP.

2. KOLLATZ, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE POINTS RAISED BY ECON/COM MINISTER, INDICATED THAT THE PROJECT HAS LOST ITS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CHARACTER AND COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED AS PART OF THE FRG'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. HE TOLD ECON/COM MINISTER THAT THE PROGRAM, WHICH HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 YEARS, HAS LARGELY MET ITS OBJECTIVES OF PROVIDING POLICE TRAINING, AND THAT THE EXISTENCE OF TWO GERMAN POLICEMEN WAS NOW BECOMING MERELY A
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PRETENSE FOR REQUESTS FOR GRANTS OF SMALL ARMS. HE

EMPHASIZED THAT THE MEC WAS NOT INTERESTED IN SEEING ITS AID FUNDS USED FOR ARMS PURCHASES.

3. AFTER ECON/COM MINISTER REEMPHASIZED POLITICAL CONCERNS OVER CZECH PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, KOLLATZ INDICATED THAT THE FRG MIGHT BE WILLING TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM IF SOME BASIS COULD BE FOUND FOR IT WHICH REFLECTED TRUE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE NEEDS. KOLLATZ HIMSELF CALLED ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR BETTER TRAINING OF CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AND THOUGHT THAT A PROGRAM MIGHT BE JUSTIFIABLE ON THIS BASIS. HE DID NOT INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT HIS MINISTRY WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN SHIFTING THE PROGRAM'S EMPHASIS TO ENSURE ITS CONTINUATION.

4. AS THE MATTER NOW STANDS, PROGRAM WILL PROBABLY END IN 1976 AS SCHEDULED. WHILE KOLLATZ ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FONMIN FAVORS CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT FONMIN OFFICIALS ARE PRESSING THE MEC ON THE ISSUE. WE SEE VALUE, HOWEVER, IN RAISING THE MATTER AGAIN AT BOTH FONMIN AND MEC IF DEPT AND/OR KABUL CAN, IN LIGHT OF KOLLATZ'S REMARKS, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON NATURE OF THE POLICE ADVISORY PROGRAM WITH CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF CONTRIBUTION OF FRG PROGRAM TO ONGOING AID OBJECTIVE.
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